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SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ROK POLICY CHANGES FOREIGN MINISTER EXHABITED CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBLITY IN REGARD TO SOME OF THE ISSUES. IT IS CLEAR THAT ROKG IS ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP BEST POSSIBLE POSITION IN ANTICIPATION OF COMING UN DEBATE. BASIC OBJECTIVE CONTINUES TO BE NOT TO WEAKEN ROK SECURITY POSITION WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CHANGED INTERNATIONAL ATTITUDES TOWARD NORTH KOREA AND ACCEPTING TWO KOREAS AS A DESIRABLE SOLUTION.

1. DURINT VISIT OF MARSHALL GREEN TO SEOUL WE CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER KIM YONG SHIK. THIS PROVIDED A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE ROKG THINKING ON ITS PROPOSALS FOR FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES REPORTED REFTEL.

2. GREEN AID THAT THE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN VIEWED WITH GREAT INTEREST IN

WASHINGTON AND WERE UNDER REVIEW. WHEN THAT REVIEW WAS COMPLETED OUR DETAILED COMMENTS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MINISTRY. WE WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT CHANGES IN OUR PREVIOUS APPROACH
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